

A SALUTE TO BOB DOLE

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise to say that the Senate is well served with BOB DOLE as majority leader. He has broken the record now for the all-time service. He is a man of integrity, ability, and dedication, and we are fortunate to have had him serve here.

Back in his home State, he was a member of the legislature and a prosecuting attorney. He went into World War II, was seriously injured, almost killed, and one arm is still deficient.

I say to you, I hope he will serve continuously until he becomes the next President of the United States.

[Applause, Senators rising.]

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WORK ACT OF 1995—CONFERENCE REPORT

The Senate continued with consideration of the conference report.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the conference report. The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DEWINE). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 613 Leg.]

YEAS—52

Abraham	Frist	McConnell
Ashcroft	Gorton	Murkowski
Baucus	Gramm	Nickles
Bennett	Grams	Pressler
Bond	Grassley	Roth
Brown	Gregg	Santorum
Burns	Hatch	Shelby
Chafee	Helms	Simpson
Coats	Hutchison	Smith
Cochran	Inhofe	Snowe
Cohen	Jeffords	Specter
Coverdell	Kassebaum	Stevens
Craig	Kempthorne	Thomas
D'Amato	Kyl	Thompson
DeWine	Lott	Thurmond
Dole	Lugar	Warner
Domenici	Mack	
Faircloth	McCain	

NAYS—47

Akaka	Feinstein	Levin
Biden	Ford	Lieberman
Bingaman	Glenn	Mikulski
Boxer	Graham	Moseley-Braun
Bradley	Harkin	Moynehan
Breaux	Hatfield	Murray
Bryan	Heflin	Nunn
Bumpers	Hollings	Pell
Byrd	Inouye	Pryor
Campbell	Johnston	Reid
Conrad	Kennedy	Robb
Daschle	Kerrey	Rockefeller
Dodd	Kerry	Sarbanes
Dorgan	Kohl	Simon
Exon	Lautenberg	Wellstone
Feingold	Leahy	

So the conference report was agreed to.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Several Senators addressed the Chair.

BIPARTISAN WELFARE REFORM

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I simply want to make the announcement, now that we have had a near unanimous vote on the Democratic side against this measure which would affect 39 percent of the children in our country, we would like to turn to the President's proposal. In his statement yesterday he said he will veto this bill. But, he said, "I am determined to work with Congress to achieve real bipartisan welfare reform." I just this moment was speaking with my friend from New Mexico, who made very serious proposals in that regard. Let us do it.

But, sir, it has to be done here in the Congress—in cooperation with the Executive. An hour from now, the 11 Democratic Senators who voted against this measure in September—Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERREY of Nebraska, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SIMON, Mr. WELLSTONE, and I—will send a letter to the President encouraging the proposal for a bipartisan welfare reform, but saying it cannot be done in a 4-day or 3-day summit budget conference. This must not come back to us in a proposal put together in 3 days in a room with four people. This is a task for the Congress. We look forward to it. We welcome it. But we put the President respectfully on notice that we must be involved.

Mr. President, I thank the majority leader for allowing me to use this time in morning business, and I yield the floor.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 134

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read a joint resolution for the second time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution, (H.J. Res. 134) making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes.

Mr. DOLE. I object to further proceedings on this matter at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The measure will be placed on the calendar.

THANKING SENATORS

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, first, I thank my colleague, Senator BYRD, for his kind comments and my colleague, Senator THURMOND, from South Carolina. It has been an honor to serve as the Republican leader and an honor to

serve with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle over the years.

I certainly enjoyed my service in the Senate, and I think most every day I have enjoyed being leader. Some days it is in doubt. But it is a great honor and a great responsibility that I am proud to try to carry.

I thank my colleagues on both sides for their continued cooperation.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 1500

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KYL). The clerk will read the bill for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1500) to establish the Cache La Poudre River National Water Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I object to further proceedings on this matter at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be placed on the calendar.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST—S. 1407

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, on another matter, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 282, S. 1407, which would amend the Social Security Act to provide for increases in the amount of allowable earnings under the Social Security earnings limit for individuals who have reached retirement age.

I further ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to this matter appear in the RECORD at the appropriate place.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, there are a large number of colleagues on our side of the aisle who would like the opportunity to have a good debate about the issue and perhaps offer amendments. So, on their behalf, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I, of course, understand the objection on the part of the distinguished Democratic leader.

I point out that we have been on this issue now for many years. It has been through the Finance Committee.

It is an outrage and an insult to the seniors of this country when we know—and they know—that their Medicare premiums, among other expenses, are going up, and we will not give them this simple relief.

I say to my friends on the other side of the aisle that I have not quit on this issue in 9 years. I am not quitting on it. From now on, every single bill that is before this body is going to have it as an amendment, unless we take it up as freestanding.

This is a terrible disservice to the seniors of this Nation not to lift this